GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:143
ANSWERED ON:03.08.2005
MODERNISATION EXPANSION OF HEALTH SERVICES UNDER CGHS
Pathak Shri Brajesh;Shiwankar Shri Maha Deo Rao

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is spending the funds allocated for the CGHS under the Tenth Five Year Plan on the modernization and expansion of health services;

(b) if so, the total percentage of the allocated funds spent on the health sector during the year 2003-04; (

(c) if not, the reasons for not spending the entire allocated funds on the said services;

(d) whether the medical dispensaries are proposed to be privatised;

(e) if so, the details in this regard; and

(f) the steps taken or being taken to streamline the functioning of CGHS dispensaries?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS)

(a)to(f): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 143 FOR 3RD AUGUST, 2005

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b)&(c):For the Tenth Five-Year Plan (2002-2007), the approved outlay of CGHS for 2003-2004 was Rs.20.00 crore and the expenditure during this period was 22.80 crore which was 14% more than the approved outlay.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) In view of (d) above, the question does not arise.

(f) Improvement of various services provided in the CGHS dispensaries is an ongoing process. There is an inbuilt mechanism to improve the functioning of CGHS dispensaries by way of inspections, supervision and guidance by senior officers of CGHS.

Eight special inspection teams have also been constituted in Delhi to monitor the complete functioning of CGHS dispensaries. Surprise visits are made by these teams from time to time and remedial action taken as and when required. For monitoring the functioning of CGHS dispensaries in cities outside Delhi, surprise visits are made from time to time and remedial action taken accordingly by the respective Additional Directors/Joint Directors of the CGHS.

The Government has already approved the Combined formulary for the MSO/CGHS in respect of 504 proprietary drugs. Action to procure medicines for the CGHS as per the formulary has been initiated. As a result, availability of drugs in CGHS dispensaries is expected to improve further.

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